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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)
(BOARD ORDER #83 - JUNE 15, 1999)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached is the report of key GROW statistics for October 2004 and an update on the GROW Program.

We have placed 968 GROW participants in jobs during the month of October. A total of 55,321 job placements have been achieved since the implementation of the GROW Program in February 1999.

Since the percentage of placements has exceeded 20% on a monthly basis, we will change the frequency of this report from monthly to semi-annually.

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW) OCTOBER 2004

MONTH	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT		JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS			JOB PLACEMENTS	SELF-INITIATED PROGRAMS (SIPS)
	Scheduled	Showed	Scheduled	Showed	Completions (1)		Ongoing Enrollments
October	5,663	3,440 (61%)	1,748	883 (50%)	838	968	914

MONTH	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS		EDUCATION/ TRAINING		SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REFERRALS	GROW CASELOAD	SANCTIONS
2004	Scheduled	Showed	Started	Completions	(2)		
October	496	393 (79%)	95	7	325	31,890	1,462

Note:

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class completions counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the 3-week Job Skills Preparation Class in the previous month but completed it in the report month.
- (2) Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Clinical Assessment and Mental Health treatment referrals.

GROW UPDATE OCTOBER 2004

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 55,321 job placements have been achieved through the GROW program.

- Rancho Park GROW held on-site employer recruitment activities on 10/6, 10/18, 10/25 and 10/27 with MTA, Radio Shack and the Ritz Carlton. Hires as a result of these activities are pending.
- On 10/13 and 10/20, Glendale GROW held employer recruitment activities with Golden West Security and Interviewing Services of America.
- South Central GROW held a recruitment on 10/20 with Aerotek Staffing.
- Pomona GROW staff held telephone recruitments on 10/4, 10/7 and 10/18 with LA Urban League, Volt Services Group and See's Candies.
- Throughout the month, Southwest Special GROW held ongoing recruitment activities with Laidlaw, Kelly Home Care Services and MTA. There were over 25 participants who participated in these events and hires are still pending.
- Pasadena GROW held an employer recruitment on 10/20 with Shield Security. There were 12 participants who attended and hires are still pending.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Through October 2004, the cumulative participation rates for both Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class continue to exceed 50%.